



IMPACT ANALYSIS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS ON SMALL BUSINESSES (SBES) PERFORMANCE IN LAGOS STATE, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

This study empirically evaluates the performance effect of entrepreneurship programs on small and medium scale enterprises operations in Lagos state Nigeria. Primary data were employed in this study. Data were collected through questionnaire designed and administered on the study sample. A total of two hundreds and seventy (270) pieces of questionnaire were distributed amongst the selected small businesses in Lagos state, but only two hundred and fifty (250) were filled-in and returned. Regression Analysis was used to analyze the effect of entrepreneurship programs on *SBEs* performance where Correlation analysis technique was also employed to determine the relationship between entrepreneurship programs and small business performance (*SBEs*). Finding indicated that entrepreneurship program has positive significant impact on small and medium scale enterprises operations in Lagos state, Nigeria with Adj R-squared 90%. Also, there was a strong positive relationship between entrepreneurship program and small and medium scale enterprises operations in Lagos state, Nigeria. It is now recommended that Government should put more efforts in mobilizing small scale entrepreneurs' empowerment through increasing the capacity building among entrepreneurs by the government so as to increase their knowledge, skills and experiences in business hence competing better in the business environment within and outside the country.

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